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Selberg's Central Limit Theorem for Quadratic Dirichlet L-functions over Function Fields

In this talk, we will discuss the logarithm of the central value  $L\left(\frac{1}{2},\chi_D\right)$  in the symplectic family of Dirichlet *L*-functions associated with the hyperelliptic curve of genus  $\delta$  over a fixed finite field  $\mathbb{F}_q$  in the limit as  $\delta \to \infty$ . Unconditionally, we show that the distribution of  $\log \left|L\left(\frac{1}{2},\chi_D\right)\right|$  is asymptotically bounded above by the Gaussian distribution of mean  $\frac{1}{2}\log \deg(D)$  and variance  $\log \deg(D)$ . Assuming a mild condition on the distribution of the low-lying zeros in this family, we obtain the full Gaussian distribution.